

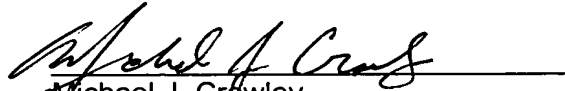
REMARKS

The specification has been amended to place the application in better form for examination. In particular, the description of Figures 15a-15c has been amended to fix a grammatical error. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Objects and advantages of the invention will be understood by reading the following detailed description in conjunction with the drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a clip applier constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2a is a perspective view of a shaft assembly of a clip applier in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2b is an assembly view of the shaft assembly depicted in Fig. 2a;

Figure 2c is an enlarged assembly view of portions of the shaft assembly depicted in Figure 2b;

Figure 3a is a cross-sectional view, taken in a plane parallel to the jaw members, of a shaft assembly of a clip applier in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 3b is a cross-sectional view, taken in a plane perpendicular to the jaw members, of a shaft assembly of a clip applier in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 4 is an assembly view of a handle assembly in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the interior of a handle assembly in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 6 is a partial cut-away view of a handle assembly in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 7 is a partial cut-away view of a handle assembly in accordance with the present invention;

Figures 8-10 are partial cut-away views of a clip channel during a clip advancing process;

Figure 11 is a partial cut-away view of a handle assembly in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Figures 12-14 are perspective views of the jaw assembly during the process of closing a clip;

Figures 15a-15c are a perspective views of alternate embodiments of yokes in accordance with the present invention;

Figures 16-17 are perspective views of jaw assemblies in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 18 is a perspective view of a collar in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 19 is a perspective view of the distal end of a feeder bar in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 20 is a perspective view of the distal end of a clip channel in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention; and

Figures 21-24 are perspective views of an alternate embodiment of a jaw assembly in accordance with the present invention

Figure 25 is a perspective view of an alternate embodiment of a collar in accordance with the present invention.